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Annual Program Statement (APS) No: 306-10-0020
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Title: USAID/Afghanistan Government Annual Program Statement (GAPS) to promote a more capable, accountable and effective government in Afghanistan that serves the Afghan people and can eventually function with limited international support.

Dear Applicants:

The purpose of this Amendment No. 01 is to incorporate "Questions and Answers" related to this competitive process.

At this time, all other conditions remain unchanged.

Sincerely,

/S/

Jerome Conway
Agreement Officer
USAID/Afghanistan

QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>Q.1. please provide us some clarification. In particular we would like to know what the second part of the sentence "International civil.....are not eligible for direct funding and may only serve as supporting organization or sub-grantee for funding..." really means.</p> <p>HELP is perfectly well prepared to work in such a function, in partnership, together with a local NGO, a longtime partner in our cap-building approach, and/or with CSC directly. Please let us know whether this will be in the interest and within the framework of your program?</p>	<p>A.1. As stated in the solicitation, please note that The United States Agency for International Development Mission to Afghanistan (USAID/Afghanistan) is seeking applications from qualified Afghan entities through Government Annual Program Statement (GAPS), International organizations are not eligible for direct funding and may only serve as a supporting organization or sub-grantee for funding of grant/cooperative agreement under this solicitation.</p>
<p>Q.2. A. While working on our concept note for GAPS we run into a question that our estimation of budget requires some flexibility between the sum estimated in concept note and then when we prepare the proposal and exact estimations will be done- there is chance of some difference between the concept note and the proposal. We would like to see if this can be acceptable or we have to be exact about the total of the budget right at this stage.</p> <p>B, Another point is regarding Indirect/Admin Costs- our experience from other USAID projects is that where an audited ICR is not available there should not be admin costs and all costs should be budgeted as direct cost. However for this project we would like to request you to give us a clear instruction regarding admin costs estimation.</p>	<p>A.2.A. Yes, it is acceptable if the changes are minor and reasonable. Please note that in case of huge changes between concept paper and application, it may not be acceptable by USAID and the application can be rejected.</p> <p>A.2.B. Please see Section II, Application Process, Budget on Page 22 of the original solicitation.</p>

(End of Amendment No. 1)